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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>Group:</i>	3731	}
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<i>Confirmation No.:</i>	5422	}
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<i>Application No.:</i>	10/758,372	}
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<i>Invention:</i>	SOFT TISSUE LOCKING DEVICE	}
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<i>Applicant:</i>	Herbert E. Schwartz et al.	}
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<i>Filed:</i>	January 15, 2004	}
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<i>Attorney</i>		}
<i>Docket:</i>	26502-73682	}
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<i>Examiner:</i>	Julian W. Woo	}

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.